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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the original abstract and insert the new  
abstract attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please accept the attached substitute specification under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 and MPEP § 608.01(q). Submitted herewith is  
a marked-up copy of the original specification which shows the  
portions thereof that are being added and deleted. No new  
matter has been added and the substitute specification includes  
the same changes that are indicated in the marked-up copy of  
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